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42. (New) The article of claim 41, wherein the delivery system is a skin care composition which comprises from about 0.01% to about 50% by weight of the protease inhibitor.
43. (New) The article of claim 42, wherein the skin care composition is transferable to the skin of a wearer.
44. (New) The article of claim 41, wherein the delivery system comprises a microcapsule, an absorbent material, a cell, an adhesive, a skin care composition, a nanophase particulate structure, a solid support, or combinations thereof.
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45. (New) The article of claim 41, wherein the delivery system is activatable by moisture, heat, or pressure, or combinations thereof, and wherein the delivery system releases the protease inhibitor when activated.
46. (New) The article of claim 41, wherein the delivery system contains the protease inhibitor as a powder, a flake, a particle, a solution, a suspension, a dispersion, an emulsion, or combinations thereof.
47. (New) The article of claim 31, wherein the article comprises from about 0.001% to about 30% by weight of the protease inhibitor.
48. (New) The article of claim 31, wherein the absorbent article comprises a wearer-contacting surface having the protease inhibitor disposed on at least a portion thereof.
49. (New) The article of claim 48, wherein the wearer-contacting surface is a topsheet, a leg cuff, a side panel, or a waist region.
50. (New) The article of claim 49, wherein a skin care composition containing the protease inhibitor is disposed on at least a portion of the wearer-contacting surface.
51. (New) The article of claim 50, wherein the wearer-contacting surface is the topsheet.
52. (New) The article of claim 51, wherein the topsheet comprises one or more regions that do not contain the skin care composition.
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53. (New) The article of claim 51, wherein the skin care composition is disposed on the topsheet in a plurality of stripes that are separated by a plurality of stripes having no skin care composition.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the present amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".